श्रीमती वृंदा कारत: सर, ये इसके बारे में बिल्कुल जवाब नहीं दे रहे हैं।

श्री सभापति: नहीं दे रहे हैं, तो मैं क्या करूं।

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I would like to have a discussion on this. I don't want to answer a question on this.

श्री सभापति: आप बोलिए।

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I have said that I would like to have a discussion on this.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: But, there are only five minutes left now.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I am not saying, now; we could have a half-an-hour discussion on this.

श्रीमती वृंदा कारत: सर, तब तक वे स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को बिल भेज चुके होंगे।

श्री सभापति: वे इसे देख लेंगे। नेक्स्ट क्वैश्चन 285.

Setting up of private sector food processing units in Jharkhand

*285. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the private sector units set up in Jharkhand for food processing;

(b) the total investment that has come to the State in the food processing sector; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to improve the food processing industry in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

As per the information received from Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation from the Annual Survey of Industries, number of units and the corresponding

investment in the private organized food processing sector in Jharkhand are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Units	Investment
2003-04	83	7860
2002-03	76	10419
2001-02	95	9401

Government does not set up food processing industries on its own and therefore no direct investment is made in private sector by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI). However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been assisting in the development of food processing sector in all the States including Jharkhand. To this end, the plan schemes are being implemented by MFPI for development of food processing industries by providing assistance for establishment of projects at the rate of 25% of the projects cost in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 75 lakhs respectively. Assistance is also provided in the form of grant-in-aid for organizing seminars & workshops, fairs etc. Other schemes of the Ministry render assistance for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and R&D, Infrastructure Development and Human Resource Development.

Major interventions made by the Ministry in Jharkhand State to promote food processing sector are as follows:

1. Assistance was provided to Confederation of India Food Trade Industry (CIFTI) New Delhi for preparation of study report on development of food processing industries in district Ranchi of Jharkhand in the year 2005.

2. Grant of Rs. 50 lakhs was approved in March, 2005 for Birla Institute of Technology (Rural Technology Cell), Mesra, Jharkhand for setting up of Quality Control Lab for Food Products.

3. A Two day Workshop on potential of Food Processing in Jharkhand was organized in July 2004 under the aegis of Society of Hill Resource Management School, Devi Mandap Road, Daltonganj, Jharkhand, CIFTI, New Delhi was the co-organizer of the event.

4. The Ministry participated in Udyog Mela 2004 held at Palamau organized by Palamau Chamber of Commerce.

5. A Task Force was also constituted in 2005 by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to give boost to growth of Food Processing Industries in Jharkhand under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industries) Government of Jharkhand. The Task Force was specifically mandated to identify key reasons for under development of the processing sector and evolve strategies in this regard.

6. Three project proposals have been approved by the Ministry for setting up of fruit and vegetable units involving an amount of Rs. 64.18 lakh.

7. 75 products profiles were sent to various State Governments including Jharkhand for identification of the appropriate beneficiaries in food processing industry.

8. According to a report made by FICCI on "Opportunities for Industrial Investment in FPI in Jhakhand", the State has an enormous horticulture potential as plenty of raw material is available in different fruit & vegetable crops throughout the year particularly Aonla, mango, litchi, tamarind and jack fruit etc.

MS. MABEL REBELLO: Sir, the hon. Minister is from Jharkhand. In Jharkhand, in and around Ranchi, his constituency, a lot of vegetables are grown. Similarly, there are a lot of minor forests and plenty of things like awla, mango, jackfruit, etc. are available; all these are grown by tribals. And when they go to the *Mandi* and try to sell them, they get pittance.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, put your question.

MS. MABEL REBELLO: Sir, I am just trying to make a point. During winters, tomatoes are sold at ten to fifteen paise a kilo. Since the hon. Minister has been the Minister of Food Processing Industries for the last two years, I would like to know from him as to what infrastructure has been created and what facilities have been made available, so that the products grown by the tribals are processed, they get value addition, and they get economic value for their products.

SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY: Sir, as you know, the Ministry does not create any infrastructure. The Ministry provides assistance to the

State Governments, individuals or organisations, to create them. Sir, it is a very sad story; we have received just three individual proposals, compared to the entire country, which are more than 600; Jharkhand has made just three proposals. We have just cleared them; only two or three proposals are pending, which are about to be cleared. I would like to say that if any proposal comes, we are ready to provide assistance to the State Government. Obviously, it belongs to my working area also.

MS. MABEL REBELLO: Sir, my second supplementary is this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, be brief.

MS. MABEL REBELLO: Sir, I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether he is trying to encourage people to set up food parks. That is one question. Secondly, Sir....

श्री सभापति: सेकंड नहीं, only one question. You may reply to only one question. Please, take your seat.

MS. MABEL REBELLO: Sir, in the reply he has said that a task force has been set up in the year 2005. What has happened to it? What are its findings and what will be done?

श्री सभापति: आप बैठिए।

SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY: Sir, as has been rightly said, we had set up a taks force along with the State Government. Three meetings had been held, but no policy has been drawn by the State Government. No proposal for a food park has come to us.....*(Interruptions)*...

MS. MABEL REBELLO: What is the hon Minister...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, don't disturb...*(Interruptions)*...Please, don't disturb...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय: सर, मैं यह कहना चाह रहा हूँ कि हर राज्य को, जैसे वेस्ट बंगाल, गुजरात, उत्तर प्रदेश को सर्वे कराने के लिए, पूरी मैपिंग कराने के लिए स्टेट्स के लिए हम लोग पैसा देते हैं। हम झारखंड की राज्य सरकार को भी देना चाहते हैं, लेकिन कोई ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: आप दोनों बैठ जाइए ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY: Sir, about Andhra Pradesh, I can say that we have contributed the second largest amount to Andhra Pradesh, the first being Maharashtra.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't shift to Andhra; please, talk about Jharkhand. Shri Yashwant Sinha.

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा: सर, very quickly मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूँगा कि राँची उनका निर्वाचन क्षेत्र है और वे अक्सर राँची जाते हैं, उन्होंने कितनी बार मुख्यमंत्री जी से इसके बारे में चर्चा की है कि वे इसके बारे में प्रस्ताव भेजें?

श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय: सर, मैं समझता हूँ कि हम मुख्य मंत्री जी से जब भी मिलते हैं, अगर नम्बर कहें, तो दर्जन बार कहा जा सकता है, हमने इसकी चर्चा की है। मैंने FICCI से कहा, FICCI ने वहाँ दो दिन का वर्कशॉप किया और उस वर्कशॉप में हम मोटिवेट करके इन्वेस्टर्स को ले गए। लेकिन यदि कोई हैंड होल्डिंग करने वाला नहीं होगा, तो इन्वेस्टर कैसे काम करेगा? बगल में वेस्ट बंगाल है, आप उसका एक्जाम्पल देखिए; they have gone much ahead. इसलिए मेरा अनुरोध है कि यह सेक्टर स्मॉल फार्मर, मार्जिनल फार्मर, लैंडलेस लेबर, ट्रायबल - सबको मदद कर सकता है, बशर्ते कि माननीय सदस्य अपने गुड ऑफिस का यूज कर के अगर इसके बारे में एक मीटिंग बुला लें, तो मैं इसका नक्शा बनाने के लिए मुख्य मंत्री के साथ बैठने को तैयार हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Steps to Increase awareness against drugs

*283. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps so far to launch drug awareness among the young people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that street children and children with disabilities are more vulnerable; and

(d) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to prevent such children from drug abuse?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India have taken the following steps to launch drug awareness among young people: